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Glasses or Glass Ceramics
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed concurrently herewith.

It is the applicants' belief that none of the U.S. and foreign patents describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the U.S. and foreign patents that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what

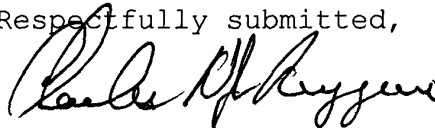
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was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed U.S. and foreign patents and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the new application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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